

Indiana Archaeology Month

September 2007

Calendar of Events



The **Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology** (DHPA), part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is proud to have coordinated Indiana Archaeology Month, the twelfth annual statewide archaeology event. Governor Daniels signed the official Proclamation creating this year's Archaeology Month (September, 2007).

Again this year, many exciting activities will be available for the public to participate in. We hope that more and more people will gain a greater appreciation for the science of archaeology and what it may teach us about the past. We encourage you to call either the contact person listed for the event or the Division (317/232-1646) to obtain information regarding the various activities. Also, continue to check our webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html) for additional information.

A note for those bringing archaeological artifacts for identification to events- Monetary values will not be provided. The value of artifacts lies in what they can tell us about the past and the people who made them.

For a list of those who have made Indiana Archaeology Month 2007 events possible, go to www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeoevenhost.html.

You might want to double-check with event hosts regarding whether their location is on Central Time or not. When it was provided, we have included the Central Time information with the relevant events. To access a helpful map, go to <http://www.in.gov/portal/files/TimeZones.pdf>.

Single day events are listed below first, followed by multiple day events.

Prior to Indiana Archaeology Month

Celebrate thousands of years of Indiana prehistory and history as well at the Indiana State Fair (<http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/>) by attending some of the events taking place before Indiana Archaeology Month. The events listed below with a * take place at the Department of Natural Resources Building at the fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN.

*August 11. 2- 4pm. Staff from the Indiana State Museum will be demonstrating flintknapping.

*August 18. 2pm – 4pm. Visit the *DHPA Prehistoric Road Show*. Bring an artifact for identification (no fossils please), and learn about archaeology in our state. Free archaeology outreach materials will be available, including the official commemorative poster. Front porch of the DNR building. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will represent the DHPA. For further information, call 317/232-1646.

*August 18. 11am-2pm. Staff from the Indiana State Museum will be available to discuss Paleoindians.

August 26. 10am- 4pm (EDT). McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, IN. The White River Valley Archaeological Association will present a program that will include: flintknapping demonstrations, an exhibit on excavation equipment and documents, information about archaeological site recordation, site preservation, and more. The public is also invited to bring artifacts for identification and to participate in activities such as flintknapping and atlatl throwing. For further information, contact Curtis Tomak at 317/232-5210 or ctomak@indot.in.gov.

Single Day Events

September 1. 10am – 4pm (EDT). *Archaeology Day* at Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN. Archaeologist Cathy Draeger will represent the DHPA. She will be available to answer questions and identify artifacts, provide free archaeological outreach materials, and will have archaeology t-shirts for sale. In addition, there will be a mock dig, an atlatl event, petroglyph face painting, basket making, and more. Standard Property Gate fee- \$5 car/resident; \$7 car/non-resident. For further

information, contact Barbara Cummings at 765/597-2654; bcummings@dnr.IN.gov.

September 1. 1pm- 4pm. Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, IN. *Archaeology Day*. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will be available to answer questions, identify artifacts, and distribute free archaeological literature. Also, he will have archaeology t-shirts available for purchase. Indiana Department of Transportation archaeology staff will also be present. They will have an INDOT Archaeology Poster and will have answers to your questions regarding INDOT archaeology. For further information, call 317/591-0904 or 317/591-0122.

September 1. 10am- 4pm (EDT). Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, IN. *Archaeology Day* (<http://www.fallsoftheohio.org/education/special-events.shtml#1034726601>) will include exhibits on archaeology, artifact identification (assisted by archaeologists from the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Archaeological Survey), an archaeology lecture and fun activities for children. The Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society has helped organized this fun and informative event. There will be a \$2 parking fee. For further information, contact Bett Etenohan, 812/280-8689, ext. 405 or betenohan@dnr.in.gov.

September 4. 7pm. Sullivan County Public Library, Sullivan, IN. Sullivan County Harvard archaeology student Elizabeth Gettinger will talk about her experiences in Honduras and her training to become an archaeologist. Ms. Gettinger has spent the summers of 2006 and 2007 in Copan Honduras on an excavation. For further information, contact the Sullivan County Public Library at 812/268-4957, email rcole@sullivan.lib.in.us.

September 8. 10am- 2pm (Central). Dubois County Museum, 2704 N. Newton St. (Highway 231 N.) Jasper, IN. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will be available to conduct artifact identifications. Dr. Jones will have free archaeology outreach materials available, and will have Archaeology Month shirts available for purchase. Also, visit the museum's exhibit on archaeology and Native Americans. For further information, contact Mary Ann Hayes at 812/634-7733.

September 8. Lawrence County Museum of History, 929 15th Street, Bedford, IN. *Archaeology Day*. From 10am – 2pm there will be mock excavation activities for young people. From 2-3 there will be a program on the archaeology and Native Americans of the area. For further information, contact Marla Jones at 812/278-8575.

September 9. 12:00- 5:00 pm (EDT). Arch, Inc., Fort Wayne, IN. *Forts on the Portage: A Historical and Archaeological Look at Military Presence on the Three Rivers*. IPFW Archaeological Survey, IPFW Dept. of Anthropology, Arch, Inc. and Cinema Center will present tours of archaeological excavations, an historical site, and films will be shown. Contact Lori Graf at 260-426-5117 for additional information.

September 12. 9am-2pm. Indian Creek Middle School-Large Group Instruction Room, 801 W. Indian Creek Dr., Trafalgar, IN. *Archaeology as Anthropology: Artifacts and Features in the Bigger Picture*. DNR Archaeologists Tim Wright and Cathy Draeger will be available to conduct artifact identifications and discuss archaeology. Others interested in archaeology will be available to discuss experimental archaeology and flintknapping. For further information, contact Tom Haywood at thawood@nhj.k12.in.us or at 317/878-2130 (ext. 6353 after 2pm please).

September 14. 10:30am- 7pm (CDT). Washington Park, Michigan City. Come see the Denis Sullivan Tallship sail into Michigan City. Learn more about Lake Michigan Maritime history and underwater archaeology at this free event. For further information, contact Mike Molnar, Indiana DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program, at 317/233-0132; mmolnar@dnr.IN.gov. Go to <http://voyage.pierwisconsin.org/ds/schooner.php> to learn more about the ship.

September 15. 12pm- 2pm (EDT). Native American Museum, 5170 E. Poplar St., Terre Haute, IN. Have you ever thought of what early peoples ate or how they cooked their food? DHPA archaeologist, Cathy Draeger, will be giving a presentation on prehistoric living and assisting with a hands-on activity in pottery making. Bring your creativity! There will also be free outreach materials on prehistoric and historic archaeology and archaeological T-shirts for sale. For additional information, contact Jane Creedon at 812/877-6007 or jane.creedon@terrehaute.in.gov.

September 15. 9am- 5pm (EDT). Sheridan's Veteran's Park, Gazebo, Sheridan, IN. *Sheridan's Boxley Cabin Public Archaeology Day*. Co-sponsored by the Sheridan Community Schools, the Sheridan Historical Society and the Town of Sheridan. There is no entrance fee, but participants need to request an application to participate and tell about their interest. Bring your own lunch/drinks. Applications available at the Sheridan Historical Society or Town Hall. For further information, contact Brenda Bush, 317/758-5845; bbush0712@sbcglobal.net.

September 15. 10am-3pm. Marion Public Library, Marion, IN. Archaeology/Paleontology day will have free activities and presentations for all

ages about local archaeology and paleontology. For further information, contact the library at 765/668-2900.

September 17. 7pm (EDT). Monon Public Library, Monon, IN. “*Flintknapping- Do You Know What it is?*” Presenter Ed Mosher in costume will demonstrate his flintknapping skills and tell of the hardships of the Native Americans during the Ice Age. For further information contact Peggy Horton at 219/253-6517 or phorton@monon.lib.in.us.

September 19. 6pm. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. Staffan Peterson, Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University, will give a lecture on this year’s archaeological investigations at the Angel Mounds site. For further information contact Mike Linderman at 812-853-3956.

September 22. 11am- 4pm (EDT). Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN. *Fresh from the Dirt: Arrowheads and More!* Do you have a box of arrowheads in your closet? Have you ever wondered how old they are or who made them? Well, here is your chance to find out. Museum archaeologists and staff will help you identify artifacts and show you how they were made. Guests can examine artifacts from the museum’s collection, discover how an atlatl works, try their hands at a pump drill and unearth fascinating information about archaeology in Indiana. DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Draeger will have free archaeology outreach materials available, and archaeology t-shirts will be available for purchase. Indiana Department of Transportation archaeology staff will also be present. They will have an INDOT Archaeology Poster and will have answers to your questions regarding INDOT archaeology. Museum admission- \$7.00 adults, \$6.50 seniors, and \$4.00 children. For additional information, call 317/232-1637.

September 22. 10am- 3pm (EDT). O’Bannon Woods State Park, Hickory Hollow Nature Center (Corydon, IN). *Archaeology Day-* Artifact identification and an atlatl throwing demonstration will be available. Event is free, but park admission fee of \$5 is required. For additional information, contact Jarrett Manek or Annie McCollum, Naturalists, at 812/738-8234.

September 23. 1:30 pm (EDT). Bedford Public Library, Bedford, IN. There will be artifact identification and a lecture about archaeology. For further information, contact Mary Hall at 812/275-4471.

September 27. 7 pm. Alexandrian Public Library, Mt. Vernon, IN. An illustrated public lecture titled “Warfare in the Prehistoric Midwest: The Archaeological Evidence” will be presented by Dr. Michael Strezewski, University of Southern

Indiana. For further information, call 812/838-3286 or go to www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/iam.

September 29. 2- 3pm. Johnson Co. Library, Franklin, IN. Amy Johnson, DHPA Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will present *Archaeology in Your Community*. Learn about archaeological sites and artifacts of Indiana and how you can become involved in archaeology. For additional information, contact Todson P. Jeffcoat at 317/738-2833 or tjeffcoat@jcpln.org.

September 29. 9am- 4pm EDT. Strawtown Koteewi Park (Noblesville, IN). Atlatl Introduction and Throwing. Come take part in the ancient activity of throwing atlatls! Atlatls were Native American hunting tools and were used for thousands of years. Erik Vosteen of Eagle Lake Productions will begin by introducing participants to the equipment and techniques, history, and other interesting facts about the tools. Everyone can practice casting some darts. Spectators and enthusiasts are welcome throughout the day at this free event. For further information, contact Amanda Smith, Chief Naturalist at 317/848-0576; email ads@co.hamilton.in.us.

September 29. 2pm- 5pm (Central). Newton County Archaeology Club Artifact Show, held at the Newton County Public Library, Lake Village Memorial Township Library (9444 N. 315 W., Lake Village, IN). Avocational archaeologists will showcase artifacts found in the county and Northwest Indiana, and they will be available to answer questions about the age and purpose of their finds and the prehistoric people that may have used these items. The event is free and open to the public. For further information, contact Mary K. Emmrich, 219/992-3490.

Multiple Day Events

September 1-3. Sat. 11am-9pm (EDT), Sun. 11am-8pm, Mon. 11:30-4pm. Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN. *Archaeology Weekend*. Many exciting activities such as the following will be available: flintknapping demonstrations, opportunities to assist with archaeological research and fieldwork, go on hikes to historic features, and much more. Archaeologists from Indiana University and other institutions will be at this unique event. Indiana Department of Transportation archaeology staff will also be present on Sept. 3rd from 11:30-4pm. They will have an INDOT Archaeology Poster and will have answers to your questions regarding INDOT archaeology. \$5/vehicle for in-state visitors, \$7/vehicle for out-of-state visitors. Contact Jill Vance at 812/849-4129 or jvance@dnr.IN.gov for additional information.

September 7, 8, 9. 9am- 4:30 pm (Central). The White River Valley Antique Association will have a display of Native American artifacts. Daviess County Fairgrounds, Elnora, IN. Tim Wright, archaeologist with the Division of Reclamation, will be available on Sept. 7 (9am- 3pm) to identify artifacts. Archaeological outreach materials will be available, and Archaeology Month t-shirts will be available for purchase. For further information, contact Richard Cottrell (812/636-4897).

September 8 and September 9. Sat. 11am-9pm, Sund. 11am-4pm. Andersontown Powwow & Indian Market, Athletic Park, 410 E. 8th Street, Anderson, IN. State Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will be available from 11am-4 pm (EDT) on Sept. 9 to identify archaeological artifacts. He will also be available to answer questions regarding Indiana archaeology. Other activities occurring during the Powwow and Market include: storytelling, historical and cultural presentations about Indiana's Native American roots, and there will be shopping opportunities in the Indian Market. Admission is \$5.00 for adults; children 8 and under are free. Contact Debbie Webb, Debbie.webb@insightbb.com, 765/617-4923 for further information about the activities. (<http://www.andersontownpowwow.org/schedule.html>.)

September 8 and 9. Sept. 8 – 11am (CDT), Sept. 9- 1:30pm (CDT). Door Village Harvest Festival, Scipio Township Park, 3 miles southwest of LaPorte, IN. Living Cemetery Tour. Re-enactors stand at their grave site and tell how they lived and what they did when they lived in Door Village in the early to late 1800s. Festival goers will follow a bagpiper to the cemetery and visit each of the six re-enactors. The tour begins with local funeral director Bob Cutler describing early 1800s funeral customs and practices of pioneer times. A donation of \$3 is requested to enter festival grounds. For further information, contact George Morley at 219/362-5653.

September 15 and 16. 11 am- 4pm. The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Harvest Festival (Chellberg Farm, Minerals Springs Rd., Porter, IN) will include staff from the National Park Service Midwest Archeology Center. They will have a booth among the other presenters concentrating on the archaeology of the dunes and northwest Indiana. Programs for children included. For further information, contact Janice Slupski at 219/926-7561, or go to www.nps.gov/indu.

September 15 and 16. 10am- 4pm (EDT). Mounds State Park, IN. *Archaeology Days*. There will be archaeology exhibits, artifact identification, archaeologist led hikes, and an archaeological excavation will be happening for the public to view. Archaeologists from the Archaeological Resources Management Service (Ball

State University) will be investigating the lesser known northern enclosures in the park. Volunteers may assist from 9am-4pm. There will also be games for children, pottery and flintknapping demonstrations. Indiana Department of Transportation archaeology staff will also be present. They will have an INDOT Archaeology Poster and will have answers to your questions regarding INDOT archaeology. \$5/car (in-state) or \$7/car (out-of-state). For further information contact Angie Manuel at 765/649-8128; amanuel@dnr.in.gov; or the Archaeological Resources Management Service at 765/285-5328.

September 22-23. 10am- 5pm. Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area, Posey County, IN. Indiana University archaeologists and the Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area invite the public to witness archaeological research first-hand at the excavation open-house at the Hovey Lake Archaeological site. Visitors will learn about the scientific methods archaeologists use in excavations and data analysis. Students from IU-Bloomington, the University of Southern Indiana, and the University of Evansville will join the IU team to help with fieldwork and answer questions. Each day will include lab work and “hands on” activities. Adults and children can appreciate early Native American village life by using ancient methods and tools used for planting a crop and grinding the harvested corn into meal. IU students will demonstrate flintknapping. On Sept. 23, from 2-4pm, Dr. Nelson Shaffer of the Indiana Geological Survey will also demonstrate the use of ground penetrating radar (GPR) to detect differences in soils below the ground surface of the site. Directions- drive south of Mt. Vernon on State Road 69. Go ½ mile past the excavations to the Hovey Lake Visitor’s Center for parking, demonstrations, and exhibits. Visitors will take the shuttle van to the excavations. Tents will provide shelter from elements. Further information can be found at <http://www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/iam>.

September 25 - October 13. 9am- 5pm, Tuesdays through Saturdays (EDT). Strawtown Koteewi Park (Taylor Center of Natural History, 12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville, IN). Sponsored by the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, the Legacy Foundation, and the DHPA. Indiana University Purdue University-Ft. Wayne Archaeological Survey staff will be on site conducting archaeological surveys and excavations which will be open to the public. Also, natural staff will be available for site tours and discussions about the site and Native American groups who once occupied the area. Activity stations including the prehistory of Indiana, artifact identification, a nature walk, and hands on activities for younger children will also be available. Pre-registered group tours will take place at the Taylor Center of Natural History located at the Park. Organized groups such as school field trips, scouts, and adult clubs are welcome as well as smaller family and citizen groups. For more information or to pre-register

for an archaeological trip or tour, please contact Amanda Smith, Chief Naturalist at 317/848-0576; email ads@co.hamilton.in.us. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

September 28-30. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. *Native American Days*. Come and experience an Indian market as well as dancing, demonstrations, food and more. Visitors will be able to view the exhibit titled “From Above, Images of a Storied Land” as part of the general admission to the festival. For further information, call 812/853-3956.

Entire Month Events-

Alexandrian Public Library, Mt. Vernon, IN. An exhibit titled “A Day in the Lives of Hovey Lake Villagers” will be available and will include information about current research at the Hovey Lake site in Posey Co. Indiana University graduate students Dru McGill and Alicia Ebbitt conducted the research and design for this year’s exhibit. For further information, go to www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/iam.

All Posey County fourth-grade classes are invited to visit the Hovey Lake site for a popular learning activity while excavations are in progress. Teachers and youth leaders (grades 4-8) throughout Indiana and adjacent states who are interested in using innovative activities to teach their classes about archaeology can still participate in Indiana Archaeology Month with their students in many ways. For example, go to [www.http://www.usi.edu/extserv/archlgy/](http://www.usi.edu/extserv/archlgy/) or contact Cheryl Munson (munsonc@indiana.edu).

September 1-October 25. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. See the exhibit titled *From Above: Images of a Storied Land, Photographs by Adriel Heisey*. This unique exhibit features 28 large scale aerial photos of archaeological sites through-out the American Southwest and Mexico. This will be the last showing of these photos before they are returned to the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History and the Center for Desert Archaeology, Tuscon, AZ. Angel Mounds is the first Midwest venue for the show, which has mostly traveled throughout the western states. For more information, please contact Angel Mounds State Historic Site at 812/853-3956.

Just After Indiana Archaeology Month-

Oct. 4-6. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. The annual meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference is being held in northern Indiana. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about archaeology which is being conducted in Indiana and around the Midwest. There is a special one-day registration option for non-members that is designed for the general public. Staff from the DHPA will also have a table where they will be distributing outreach materials and have Archaeology Month t-shirts available for purchase. Go to the official webpage <http://www.midwestarchaeology.org/meetings.htm> for further information.

October 6. 10am – 4 pm (EDT). Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park (Noblesville, IN). Collection Identification. Do you have some projectile points or other stone tools or artifacts that you would like to learn more about? Archaeologist Jim Mohow will be available to identify artifacts. For further information, contact the Cool Creek Nature Center at 317/848-0576.

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